Action taken against a Railway Employee involved in a rape case

3932. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the Jan Satta, Hindustan and the Punjab Kesri dated 7-1-89 regarding the attempt to rape a woman by Shri Ram Aashish Singh, Pharmacist, Northern Railway Health Unit, Anand Vihar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Railways in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Road traffic on Bombay-Mangalore route

3393. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy passengers traffic on the Bombay-Mangalore road;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the Summer Vacations this traffic increases;

(c) whether Government are aware that Karnataka and Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation buses are not adequate to cater to this sector and a large number of buses with National permits operate and charge exorbitant fares from the passengers; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against these private operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The road from Bombay Mangalore covers a number of important centre and there is considerable passenger traffic in this sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The augmentation of buses with the State Road Transport Corporations and the enforcement of rules regarding fares fall within the purview of the respective State Government. Whenever complaints sbout exorbitant fares are brought to the notice of Central Government, the State Governments are requested to take suitable correctivs action.

New Foot-over bridge at Dadar Railway Station in Bombay

3394. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a new Foot-Over Bridge (FOB) at the South end of Dadar Railway Station in Bombay, across the Central Railway and Western Railway network;

(b) whether it is a fact that hawkers block this bridge and make it difficult for the public to walk on this bridge; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by the Railways to keep the bridge clear of hawkers and free for the public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been some complaints in this regard in the past.

(c) The Railway, in close co-ordination with the Bombay Municipal Corporation and City Police Organisation, has taken steps to keep the bridge clear of unauthorised hawkers.